

January 2006
CENTRAL COMMAND

SAFESTAT REPORT

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Overview

The Central Command started 2006 on a good note. Total crashes declined, overall activity increased, Commercial Operations personnel showed increases, and Traffic Operations personnel conducted over 400 Level 2/3 inspections.

There was one less crash in January as compared to December. Property damage crashes declined by over 7%, injury crashes increased by 6 and fatal crashes remained unchanged at 4. Crashes involving commercial vehicles dropped sharply, by 50%. Crashes involving commercial vehicles totaled only 12% of all the crashes investigated. This is one of the lowest percentages since this information was tracked. Of the 16 crashes involving a commercial vehicle, 11 were the fault of the commercial vehicle driver. The one fatal crash involving a commercial vehicle was not the fault of the commercial vehicle driver.

Overall enforcement activity increased by almost 21% when compared to December and increased by almost 77% when compared to January 2005. Speed violations increased by almost 25% and occupant restraint climbed by over 28%. Hazardous moving violations declined by 8 fewer violations.

The one area of concern is that of the arrest of impaired drivers prior to a crash. Impaired drivers involved in crashes increased and arrests of drivers prior to a crash declined. This area will be addressed by the Command.

Inspections of commercial vehicles and their drivers conducted by Commercial Operations personnel declined slightly with 14 fewer inspections. However, the inspection activity actually is somewhat misleading as a large portion of the December inspections were conducted during a 72 hour check site operation at the end of the month. Despite this slight decline in the number of inspections, the number of violations discovered increased by over 7%. Citations issued from these violations increased by almost 29% and the number of vehicles and drivers placed "out of service" increased substantially. This indicates that more serious violations were discovered.

Traffic Operations personnel conducted 432 Level 2/3 inspections during January. This is a substantial increase when compared to both December and January 2005. During the inspections, 965 violations were discovered resulting in 256 citations being issued and 55 drivers being placed "out of service."

The increase in field enforcement activities led to increases in the workload for the Communications Center.

I would like to commend the personnel of the Central Command on their efforts during January.



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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	January-06		January-05	% Change		December-05	% Change
Total Crashes	132		168	-21.4%		133	-0.8%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	90		108	-16.7%		97	-7.2%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	38		60	-36.7%		32	18.8%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	4		0	400.0%		4	0.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	5		6	-16.7%		2	150.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	4		0	400.0%		6	-33.3%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	0		0	0.0%		3	-300.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	2		0	200.0%		0	200.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	2		0	200.0%		2	0.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total persons killed -- seatbelts not applicable	0		0	0.0%		1	-100.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	16		38	-57.9%		32	-50.0%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	12		24	-50.0%		21	-42.9%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	3		14	-78.6%		8	-62.5%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	1		0	100.0%		3	-66.7%

Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 3.0%

Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 3.8%

Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 50.0%

Percentage of commercial vehicle crashes to total crashes 12.1%

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]

- ★ There was one less crash in January as compared to December. Property damage crashes declined by over 7%, injury crashes increased by 6 and fatal crashes remained unchanged at 4.
- ★ The four fatal crashes resulted in four deaths, two drivers and two passengers. Both drivers that were killed were wearing seat belts and both passengers killed were unbelted. The fatal crash involving a commercial vehicle was not the fault of the commercial vehicle driver.
- ★ Crashes involving commercial vehicles dropped sharply, by 50%. Crashes involving commercial vehicles totaled only 12% of all the crashes investigated. This is one of the lowest percentages since this information was tracked. Of the 16 crashes involving commercial vehicles, 11 or 68.7%, were the fault of the commercial driver. Half of the crashes occurred on I-80 while the other eight were on secondary roadways.
- ★ During January, impaired driver crashes increased to 5. The average BAC for those results known is .138.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY*[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

	January-06		January-05	% Change		December-05	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes	5		6	-16.7%		2	150.0%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes	20		13	53.8%		27	-25.9%
Other Arrests	150		52	188.5%		178	-15.7%
Total persons arrested (DUI included)	75		36	108.3%		79	-5.1%
Speed violations	2076		956	117.2%		1665	24.7%
Hazardous moving violations	253		268	-5.6%		261	-3.1%
Occupant restraint violations *	342		213	60.6%		266	28.6%
Total violations [above violations included]	3945		2230	76.9%		3262	20.9%
Commercial Enforcement							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	61		10	510.0%		32	90.6%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	32		10	220.0%		27	18.5%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	652		317	105.7%		666	-2.1%
Terminal inspections [level 5]	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	156		71	119.7%		121	28.9%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1024		507	102.0%		951	7.7%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	58		18	222.2%		35	65.7%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	47		24	95.8%		19	147.4%
Total school buses inspected	18		18	0.0%		48	-62.5%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	7		3	133.3%		10	-30.0%
Total trucks weighed	684		102	570.6%		735	-6.9%
Total overweight citations	10		0	1000.0%		5	100.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	583		367	58.9%		534	9.2%
Total dyed fuel citations	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS*[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

- ★ Overall activity increased significantly in January as compared to December, 20.9%. Activity skyrocketed when compared to January 05, 76.9%.
- ★ Speed violations increased by almost 25% and occupant restraint climbed by over 28%. Hazardous moving violations declined by 8 fewer violations.
- ★ Arrests of impaired drivers prior to a crash declined by 7 or almost 26%. This is troubling in itself, but is compounded by the increase in impaired drivers involved in crashes. This area will be addressed. The average BAC for impaired drivers prior to a crash was .141.
- ★ Inspections of commercial vehicles and their drivers conducted by Commercial Operations personnel declined slightly with 14 fewer inspections. However, the inspection activity actually improved as a portion of the December inspections were conducted during a 72 hour check site operation at the end of the month.

- ★ Despite this slight decline in the number of inspections, the number of violations discovered increased by over 7%. Citations issued from these violations increased by almost 29% and the number of vehicles and drivers placed "out of service" increased substantially. This indicates that more serious violations were discovered.
- ★ Commercial Operations personnel weighed 684 vehicles resulting in 10 citations being issued. 100 of the vehicles weighed were on secondary roadways during 216 hours of directed weight enforcement. 40% of the overweight citations were issued on secondary roadways.
- ★ Commercial personnel conducted 583 dyed fuel inspections. Of the 583 inspections, 175 or 30% were conducted on secondary roadways during 212 hours of directed enforcement. No violations were discovered.
- ★ Traffic Operations personnel conducted 432 Level 2/3 inspections during January. This is a substantial increase when compared to both December and January 2005. During the inspections, 965 violations were discovered resulting in 256 citations being issued and 55 drivers being placed "out of service."

Commercial Activity [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]						
	Level 2/3 Inspections	Safety Violations Citation	Safety Violations Repair Order	Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	Dyed Fuel Inspections	Dyed Fuel Citations
	#	#	#	#	#	#
January-06	432	256	965	55	370	0
December-05	319	153	582	29	223	0
% Change	35.4%	67.3%	65.8%	89.7%	65.9%	0.0%

January-06	432	256	965	55	370	0
January-05	363	210	678	39	228	0
% Change	19.0%	21.9%	42.3%	41.0%	62.3%	0.0%

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	January-06	January-05	% Change	December-05	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER					
Radio Transmissions	89,995	75,151	19.8%	80,849	11.3%
CAD incidents	11,612	9,006	28.9%	10,414	11.5%
Telephone Calls	N/A	12,876	#VALUE!	12,494	#VALUE!
Call Box Incidents	27	N/A	#VALUE!	18	50.0%
FRONT OFFICE					
Accident Reports Processed	110	120	-8.3%	104	5.8%
Arrest Reports Processed	55	19	189.5%	70	-21.4%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	5	9	-44.4%	7	-28.6%
COURT / WARRANT					
Warrants Received	319	226	41.2%	326	-2.1%
Warrants Entered	438	197	122.3%	321	36.4%
Warrants Cleared	183	139	31.7%	167	9.6%
Warrants Validated	2541	2627	-3.3%	2365	7.4%
Extradition / Transports	6	3	100.0%	13	-53.8%
EVIDENCE					
New Cases Submitted	32	19	68.4%	54	-40.7%
New Items Submitted	89	37	140.5%	152	-41.4%
Items Disposed	18	401	-95.5%	6	200.0%

Contract Service overtime for the 13 contracts was 411 hours totalling \$26,593.

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

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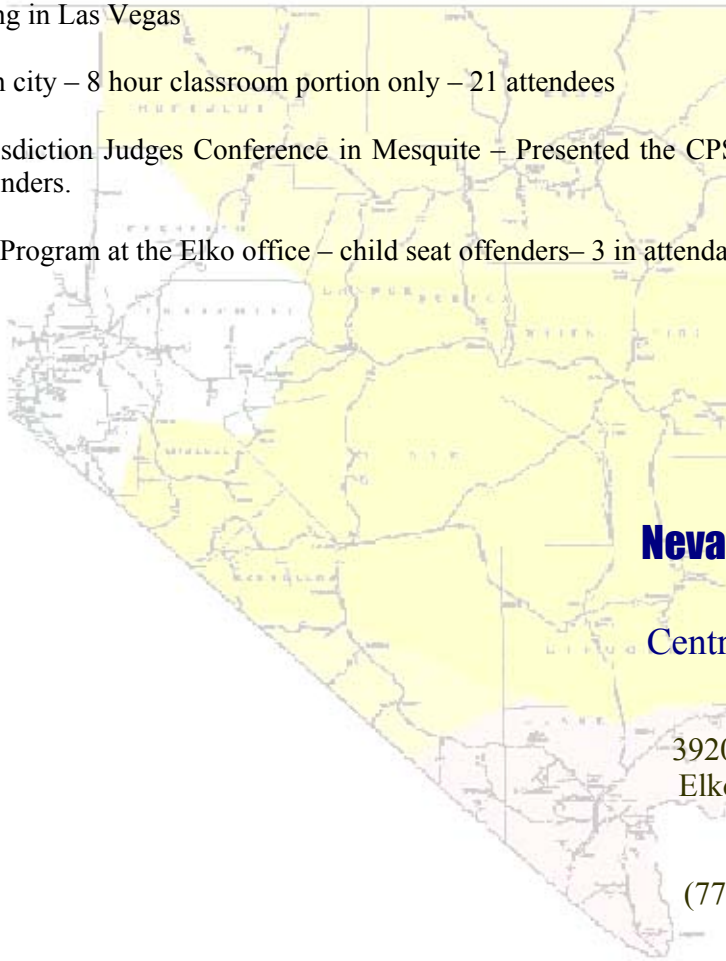
- ★ The increase in enforcement on the roadways within Central Command resulted in an increase of radio transmissions and CAD incidents generated, both by over 11%. The number of telephone call was not able to be obtained due to equipment malfunctions, as the information was lost.
- ★ Front Office personnel processed 6% fewer reports during January. There were 5 additional crash reports processed, but a decline in the number of arrest and officer reports processed.
- ★ 17 fewer warrants were received from the courts in January. Court Services personnel entered 36% more warrants and cleared over 9% more warrants. The number of warrants validated increased by 7%.
- ★ There were almost 41% fewer new cases submitted to the evidence vaults. This resulted in a corresponding decrease in the number of new items submitted.

PERSONNEL

- ★ Lt. Jeff Fountain reported to the Central Command on Monday, January 23rd. Lt. Fountain was promoted to Lieutenant from Parole & Probation in December. Lt. Fountain is responsible for Elko and Wells Traffic Operations.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

- ★ Lamoille Women's Club – 25 attendees – Winter Driving program
- ★ CPS Task Force meeting in Las Vegas
- ★ EVOC for NDF Carson city – 8 hour classroom portion only – 21 attendees
- ★ Statewide Limited Jurisdiction Judges Conference in Mesquite – Presented the CPS law and the family vehicle safety program for offenders.
- ★ Family Vehicle Safety Program at the Elko office – child seat offenders– 3 in attendance

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